

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 484

By Dunn

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Derrell Frye upon
being named the Powell Business and
Professional Association Man of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those individuals who through their personal and professional efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Derrell Frye is most assuredly one such superlative person who is deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Derrell Frye has recently been named Man of the Year by the Powell Business and Professional Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frye is a longtime resident of Powell; his volunteer spirit and dedication to the community is highly respected and admired; and

WHEREAS, his tireless volunteer work has focused on improving the quality of life for senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frye's numerous contributions include serving as the Director of Seniors at the Black Oak Baptist Church and Coordinator of the Happy Travelers, a group of seniors from all over Powell who take trips together; he spends numerous hours visiting the elderly

citizens at the area's hospitals and nursing homes, and has a calling list of over 250 seniors who he regularly visits just to let them know he is thinking of them; and

WHEREAS, his deep sense of caring and compassion is strengthened by his Christian faith; Mr. Frye is an extremely valued and active member of the Black Oak Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, he teaches a morning Bible Study class in order to serve the need of those seniors who are uncomfortable driving after dark and he also provides a videotape copy of Sunday church services to those who are unable to attend regular church services. He is a member of the church's Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and the Building Fund Committee, in which position he has been responsible for helping to raise over \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frye often volunteers to take people to the hospital and to doctors' visits; any time a senior from his church awakens from surgery, he or she see Mr. Frye's smiling face; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man is retired from the Knoxville Fire Department, where he served with great probity for over 27 years; he was also the President of the Fire Fighters Union for eight years; and

WHEREAS, Derrell Frye epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Derrell Frye is most grateful for the love and encouragement he shares with his wife; he is the proud father of one son and one daughter, and grandfather of seven; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Frye for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and our citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Derrell Frye upon being named the

Powell Business and Professional Association Man of the Year, applaud his ongoing commitment to his community and family, and wish him well in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.